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- 1. Russian colonizers are arriving continuously in Western Hungary, particularly in the district south of Sopron. They are accompanied by their families and are equipped with all necessary farming equipment. The property upon which they are settled was taken away from Hungarian noblemen and from other capitalists and bourgeois who were in political disfavor.
- The colonizers are mainly Ukrainians who have distinguished themselves in the partisan wars. All of them are equipped with light weapons and some even have autometic weapons; maneuvers are carried out by all twice a week. They are clad in Russian civilian attire of a uniform style and color, which could be some sort of uniform without insignia.
- 3. Under instructions from Russian occupation authorities, the colonizers are forbidden to make contact with the Hungarian people.

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more than 2,500 Russians in civilian dress have arrived in the villages to the south of Kuposvar and of Szigetvár. The local authorities say that these are Russian farmers who are to study Hungarian agriculture. The workers live in about ten small encompments, to which Hungarians are forbidden access.

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